1. Immunisation in Kingston – Assurance Report – The Board received a presentation from NHS England on the commissioning of immunisation services for Kingston residents. It was noted that overall most childhood and adult immunisation rates are stable, and higher than those in many other London Boroughs but remain below levels for the rest of England and the World Health Organisations recommended rate of 95% for childhood vaccinations. Members noted details of immunisation rates amongst young children, school age children and adults – including issues arising from the global shortage of the BCG vaccine – and concurred with the recommendations of the Director for Public Health that NHS England should provide outline proposals to increase uptake rates, improve quality and reduce variation as well as updates to the Kingston Immunisation Group on the progress of the school age immunisation programme and progress with the BCG contract with the local maternity provider.

2. Mental Health Strategy – The Board received details of the final draft of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2017-21. It was noted that the Strategy, which has been co-produced in conjunction with over 200 local people, seeks a shift from hospital based models of care to prevention, self-care and recovery with high quality, joined up support closer to home. Priorities for 2017 focus on workplace health, prevention in respect of Early Years, Children, Families and Schools, peer support, a Directory of Services, developing primary care and developing a mental wellbeing hub with a triage service/single point of access. The Director of Public Health was authorised to approve changes to the Strategy in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Board.

3. Kingston Coordinated Care Programme – The Board received a report on progress in respect of the development and implementation of the Kingston Coordinated Care programme. Members noted recent activity and next phase key deliverables for a variety of programme projects including commissioning and contracting and the New Model of Care, the transformation of Home Care, the Kingston Care Record and Active and Supportive Communities. Members also addressed the implications of the CCG’s decision not to proceed with the proposed integrated commissioning unit.

4. CAHMS Update – The Board received an update on the delivery of the Local Transformation Plan for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). The core aims of the Plan are to: reduce the number of children and young people referred for treatment; reduce waiting times; increase the range of evidence-based interventions available; enhance skills and confidence amongst the wider workforce in managing emotional and mental health issues; and to bring about a long term reduction in the number of children admitted with acute issues to Tier 4 services and/or requiring long term residential places. Members noted details of recent activity including: the receipt of further funding to support children and young people with mental health issues in the Youth Justice system; the commissioning of on-line counselling for children and young people up to the age of 22; and a planned review of the enhanced Eating Disorder Service. Priorities for 2017/18 include a review of the Autistic Spectrum Disorder Pathway and the reduction of admissions.

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